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## **“The Song of Simeon”**

Luke 2:25-35



“He was **waiting** for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. (25b)

### **Waiting**

Simeon – the consolation of Israel

Anna – the redemption of Israel

“...(to wait well, to delay gratification) is the master aptitude that leads to effective living.”  
~*Daniel Goleman* in “Emotional Intelligence”~

Faithfulness, hope, perseverance matter much to God

### **Waiting in the Temple**

“She never left the temple but worshiped night and day...” (37b)

“But the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him.” (Habakkuk 2:20)

The purification rite (22-24) is a picture of what happens when heaven invades earth.

circumcision = covenant,    naming = identity  
consecration = purpose,    sacrifice = forgiveness

### **Waiting for Something More**

Simeon – My eyes have seen your salvation

Anna - Looking for the redemption of Israel

“I tell you that one greater than the temple is here.” - *Jesus* (Matt. 12:6)

### **He’s Here! It’s Coming!**

(We get to be a part of it)

“Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit?” (I Cor. 6:19)

“The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ.” (Revelation 11:15b)

**Amen! Come, Lord Jesus** (Revelation 22:20)